

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Joint Application of SBC Communications Inc. ("SBC") and AT&T Corp. ("AT&T") for Authorization to Transfer Control of AT&T Communications of California (U-5002), TCG Los Angeles, Inc. (U-5462), TCG San Diego (U-5389), and TCG San Francisco (U-5454) to SBC, Which Will Occur Indirectly as a Result of AT&T's Merger With a Wholly-Owned Subsidiary of SBC, Tau Merger Sub Corporation.

Application 05-02-027
(Filed February 28, 2005)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
SHORTENING TIME FOR REPLIES TO
MOTION OF THE OFFICE OF RATEPAYER ADVOCATES**

On May 13, 2005, the Commission's Office of Ratepayer Advocates (ORA) filed a "Motion to Compel Discovery Responses" (Motion to Compel) in this proceeding. Specifically, ORA seeks an order to compel SBC Communications, Inc. and AT&T Corp. (Joint Applicants) to provide complete responses to its Data Requests Numbers 2 and 5, as described in its Motion to Compel.

Pursuant to Rule 45 et seq. of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, ORA also filed a concurrent motion for an order shortening the time to respond to its Motion to Compel. ORA requests that the Commission order Joint Applicants to respond to the Motion to Compel by May 17, 2005.

ORA indicates that it has been requesting information of estimated merger savings and other benefits since March 30, 2005, and other parties have been requesting this information since March 16, 2005. Since Joint Applicants have

been aware of ORA's Data Requests Numbers 2 and 5 for several weeks, and Joint Applicants' decision to withhold further information on these matters has not changed appreciably, ORA argues that a shortening of time for response will not be prejudicial. ORA indicates that the requested information is needed to research part of ORA's reply testimony currently due on June 10, 2005.

By e-mail notice to parties on May 16, 2005, Applicants expressed opposition to ORA's request to shorten time to May 17, 2005, for a response to ORA's Motion. Applicants ask that a due date for the response be set for Thursday, May 19, 2005. Applicants argue that the two additional days will allow Applicants to narrow the issues in controversy and address only areas in which the parties have issues in dispute.

Applicants contend that ORA's motion raises issues different from those asserted by The Utility Reform Network (TURN). Unlike TURN, Applicants have provided ORA hard copies of the documents made available to TURN on a "no copies" basis. ORA also asserts that it should be given access to an electronic version of SBC's national synergies model, output from which were presented to the SBC board in its evaluation of AT&T.

It is appropriate to shorten time for replies to ORA's motion. As requested by Applicants, responses shall be due on May 19, 2005.

IT IS RULED that the due date for replies to ORA's Motion to Compel is hereby shortened to May 19, 2005.

Dated May 16, 2005, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ THOMAS R. PULSIFER

Thomas R. Pulsifer
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail, and by electronic mail to the parties for whom an electronic mail address has been provided, this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Shortening Time for Replies to Motion of the Office of Ratepayer Advocates on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys or record.

Dated May 16, 2005, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ ELIZABETH LEWIS
Elizabeth Lewis

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